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Roll Call: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach  
Absent – Bruno, Dineen

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:**

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

**Mayor Kovach welcomed the public to the public meeting and explained how the meeting will be run by reading the following statement :**

NJSA 10:4-8(b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Recently adopted P.L. 2020, c.11 amends OPMA to clarify that in times of emergency public bodies may vote, accept public comment and cause a meeting to be open to the public via electronic means.

The Town of Clinton is a public meeting as well as using ZOOM Video Meetings. Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded for the public record.

Please use the chat feature in ZOOM to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment or a question. You must provide your name and address to be recognized. You can also type in your questions. Feel free going forward to email [councilmeeting@clintonnj.gov](mailto:councilmeeting@clintonnj.gov) with any questions or concerns between meetings.

Please feel free to reach out with a note at [jkovach@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov) anytime!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Mr. Humphrey to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 12, 2022 as submitted.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – JANUARY**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the monthly reports for the month of January as submitted.

Administrator’s report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing report, Police report, Tax and Treasurer’s Reports, Construction and Zoning reports.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS - NONE**

**RESOLUTION #49-22 – CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt Resolution #49-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 49-22**

WHEREAS, there exists on the books of various Town accounts old outstanding checks; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding checks are more than six months old;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following checks in the amount of \$598.36 are hereby cancelled:

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Payroll Agency</u>		
91519	7/16/20	\$ 75.00
<u>Sewer Operating Account</u>		
207413	12/9/20	\$ 20.00
<u>Payroll Salary</u>		
7977	1/16/20	\$ 146.08
8083	3/26/20	27.44
8281	12/12/20	54.89
<u>Utility Trust Account</u>		
82182	6/25/19	\$ 45.53
82185	7/19/19	1.66
82212	8/13/19	36.22
82278	3/11/20	38.94
82288	4/8/20	67.57
82310	7/8/20	78.20
82344	9/23/21	6.83

ROLL CALL: AYES: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #50-22 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff seconded by Mr. Traphagen to adopt Resolution #50-22 as submitted:

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**RESOLUTION # 50-22**

**WHEREAS**, various 2021 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2021 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that transfers in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made between the 2021 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Police Salary & Wages	\$3,000.00	
Police Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>

ROLL CALL: AYES: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #51-22 – MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP PRICING COUNCIL**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to adopt Resolution #51-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 51-22**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of education, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Clinton desires to enter into the Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby authorizes the execution of an agreement with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.
2. The Town of Clinton Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Town of Clinton officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this resolution.

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

Councilman Perloff asked for clarification as to the agreement with Morris County Co-operative Pricing Council. Mayor Kovach and Mr. Phelan explained that this is a regional level pricing council, getting the best prices for equipment, salt, vehicles for municipalities.

**RESOLUTION #52-22 – HIRING OF TREATMENT PLANT LABORER**

A motion was made by Mr. Perloff, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to adopt Resolution #52-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 52-22**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility requires the hiring of one new laborer, and;

**WHEREAS**, the position was advertised for, applications accepted and interviews performed, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works/Business Administrator and the Sewer Superintendent recommend that the following person be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$19.84 per hour;

Stephen Cerca

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Stephen Cerca to fill the open position at the Town of Clinton Sewer Utility.

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Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #53-22 – REFUND TO CORELOGIC**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt Resolution #53-22 as submitted:

**RESOLUTION # 53-22**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayments for the following block and lots,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayment to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Centralized Refunds, P.O. Box 9202, Coppell, Texas, 75019-9978, for the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5	20	Friebely, Joshua (Union Twsp)	\$ 2,507.33
29.02	2	Moore, Jeffrey	\$ 3,522.67
31	7 C1202	Gallacher, Brian	\$ 2,673.66
31.01	7.01 C2407	Founds, Roxanne	\$ 2,761.37

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector remove the overpayments on the above block and lots for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022.

ROLL CALL: AYES : Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**WATER REFUND**

Nancy Burgess, Water Collector, is requesting a refund be made to Isolde Zivers Price in the amount of \$48.96. The property was sold and had a credit balance. A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen, seconded by Ms. Johnson to refund the amount requested.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Lt. Governor, Sheila Oliver, on behalf of Governor Murphy, has officially notified Mayor Kovach of the \$70,000 Local Recreational Improvement grant awarded to the Town of Clinton for the outdoor amenities including the playground, athletic fields and community center. Councilwoman Johnson was thankful for the award and said a tremendous amount of time and energy went in to applying for this grant.

**NO REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AT THIS TIME**

Councilwoman Johnson – REMINDER – sign ups for Summer Recreation now being accepted.

Councilman Humphrey – Economic Development Committee – John Creech now Chair.

**STANDBY AND OVERTIME**

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the standby and overtime attached to these minutes for the period of January 21` through February 3, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Mr. Traphagen seconded by Mr. Perloff, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Humphrey, Johnson, Perloff, Traphagen, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

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Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Janice Kovach, Mayor